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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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- ☒ original
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- ☐ national stage of PCT
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- ☐ continuation
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ELASTOMERIC ARTICLE WITH FINE COLLOIDAL SILICA SURFACE TREATMENT, AND ITS PREPARATION, the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on June 15, 1999

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and was amended on (or amended through _____
(if applicable)

☐ was described and claimed in PCT international application No.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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